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REFERENCE TO RAPIDES KOSTA, ALIAS "NIRDS" (1944)

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Fr: VALENTIN. [1]

We have received information that the FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN [REDACTED] [11] have sent from GREECE to your [Q: country] [1 group unrecovered] RAPIDES [RAPIDES] Kosta, 35 years old, a lawyer, pseudonym "NIRDS". He has the task [Q: of informing] our consulate about the situation [Q: in the country]. Presumably RAPIDES is in IZMIR [11] [and] [a] it will be possible in future [1 group unrecovered]. Put "LEONID" [iv] in the picture and take steps to find "NIRDS".

No. 3616
9 August

VIKTOR [v]

Note: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [1] VALENTIN : Unidentified ISTANBUL addressee.
 [11] FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN : Communists.
 [11] IZMIR : I.e. SMYRNA, in TURKEY.
 [iv] LEONID : Unidentified cover-name.
 [v] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

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